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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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NEW JERSEY STATE REAL ESTATE
APPRAISER BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE CERTIFICATION OF

UCHENNA C. EBOH Certification # 42RC00232500

TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Real Estate Appraisers (the ABoard@) upon receipt of information indicating that Uchenna C. Eboh ("Respondent"), a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser, engaged in the unlicensed practice of real estate appraising while his certification was suspended.

In reviewing this matter, the Board has considered available information including the complaint form and its attachments, Respondent's reply to the complaint form, Respondent's complete work file, and additional correspondence between the Board and Respondent.

Respondent was subject to a continuing education audit conducted by the Board. A deficiency was demonstrated. A Final Order of Discipline filed on November 30, 2011, imposed the following: "Respondent's license to practice real estate appraising in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended until respondent has furnished proofs of having successfully completed all of the credit hours of the requisite continuing education for the January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 renewal period." The Final Order of Discipline also imposed a seven hundred and fifty dollar (\$750) civil penalty.

Upon receipt of the Final Order of Discipline on or about December 5, 2011, Respondent proceeded to the Board office and paid the civil penalty. Respondent maintains that he also provided a copy of an "education transcript" of online continuing education courses that he claims to have completed. He also maintains that when he asked a Board staff person "What's next?" the staff person responded that he was "good to go." Respondent maintains that he had limited proficiency in

the English language at that time and misinterpreted the phrase "good to go" to mean that his license had been reinstated.

By letter dated December 14, 2011, the Board acknowledged receipt of payment of the civil penalty, but noted that Respondent's license remained suspended until the Board received required documentation of an additional 7 hours of continuing N.J.A.C. 13:40A-5.8, to Pursuant documentation for courses is a Uniform Continuing Education Form or certificate attesting that the certificate holder attended an approved continuing education offering. The transcript" that Respondent submitted when he initially appeared at the Board did not constitute required documentation and incorrectly stated the number of hours for one class. On the transcript, Online Business Practices and Ethics was listed as seven hours, but the certificate subsequently provided by Respondent indicated completion of only five hours.

After receiving the Board's letter dated December 14, 2011, Respondent realized that he did not have required documentation for two of the seven hours of continuing education and promptly completed a three hour course on December 18, 2011, obtained required documentation thereof, and submitted it to the Board.

By letter dated December 27, 2011, the Board acknowledged receipt of required documentation for eight hours of continuing

education. The suspension was terminated and Respondent's certification was reinstated to active status. As such, the period of suspension was from November 30, 2011 to December 26, 2011.

Respondent completed and signed sixteen appraisal reports during the period that his license was suspended. The Board finds that Respondent's engaging in the practice of real estate appraising subsequent to suspension of his certification constitutes the unlicensed practice of real estate appraising in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:14F-5 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-25. Additionally, Respondent violated N.J.A.C. 13:40A-7.10(c) by failing to cease and desist from engaging in the practice of real estate appraising while he was under active disciplinary suspension, which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without need for further proceedings, Respondent waiving any right to a hearing, the Board being satisfied that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order, and this Consent Order resolving any and all complaints of unlicensed practice during the period of suspension;

- 1. Respondent is reprimanded for his violations of N.J.S.A. 45:14F-5, 45:1-25, and 45:1-21(e).
- 2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500). Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to AState of New Jersey,@ or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed simultaneously with this signed Consent Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD

Ву:

Barry Krauser Board President

I have read and understand the provisions of this Order, agree to the entry of this Order as a matter of public record, and agree to be bound by the terms above.

Uchenna C. Eboh

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